

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 28, 2008, Applicants hereby confirm the provisional election of the claims of Group II, Species 2 (claims 3-10, 21-32, 44, 45 and 47-51) for continued examination, without traverse. As indicated by the Examiner, claims 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 21-32, 44, 45 and 48-51 are generic. Applicants note that upon the allowance of claim 45, claim 46, which depends from claim 45 and therefore requires all of the limitations of claim 45, should be rejoined and fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.104. MPEP 821.04(a).

Claims 3, 4, 10, 21, 22, 27, 30, 44 and 45 have been amended. Claims 6, 24 and 50 have been canceled and their subject matter incorporated into independent claims 3; 21 and 30; and 44 and 45, respectively. Claims 1, 2, 11-20 and 33-43 have been canceled as being directed to a non-elected invention. Claim 46 has been withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected species. Claims 3-10, 21-32, 44, 45 and 47-51 are currently pending in this application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original and other claims in this and other applications. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 6-9, 24, 27 and 50.

The Specification is objected to because the "Brief Description of the Drawings" mislabels figures 5-11. The Specification has been amended to correct this problem as well as other typographical errors. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the Specification is in condition for allowance and requests that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim 22 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for having insufficient antecedent basis. Claim 22 has been amended to correct the antecedent basis. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 22 is in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn and the claim allowed.

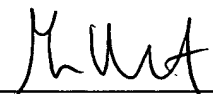
Claims 3-5, 10, 21-23, 25-32, 44, 45, 47-49 and 51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Stark (U.S. Patent No. 6,693,670) ("Stark"). Claims 6, 24, 27 and 50 stand objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims. The rejection and objection are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The allowable subject matter of claims 6; 8; 24; and 50 have been incorporated into independent claims 3; 10; 21 and 30; and 44 and 45, respectively. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 3, 10, 21, 30, 44 and 45 are in condition for allowance. Claims 4 and 5; 22, 23 and 25-29; 31 and 32; and 46-49 and 51 depend from claims 3; 21; 30; and 45, respectively, and are allowable along with their respective independent claims. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 3-5, 10, 21-23, 25-32, 44, 45, 47-49 and 51 be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

In view of the above, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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